(b) Information is not maintained in the Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts.

(c) Meetings of Presiding Officers are held from time to time to impress upon them the need to dispose of cases expeditiously. Lok Adalats have also been held recently to expedite the pending cases.

Child labour in match and fireworks industry

4600. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZAMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of child labour engaged in match industry, fireworks industry and other industries as on 31st March, 2002, State and industry-wise; and

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the employers do not engage adults in such industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Authentic information on child labour is generated during the decennial census. As per the 1991 census, the total number of working children in the country is 1.1.28 million. The State-wise position is given in the Statement (*See* below). Industry-wise distribution of number of working children are not maintained. The census figures of 2001 are yet to be published.

(b) No, it is not a fact that most of the employers do not engage adults in such industries.

Under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 employment of children below the age of 14 is prohibited in 13 Occupations and 57 Processes in which manufacture of matches and fireworks is also included. Employers employing children in occupations and processes prohibited under the Act are liable to be prosecuted. The Central Government and State/UT Governments have enforcement machineries to enforce child labour related provisions of the laws.

Statement

State-wise distribution of working children according to 1991 census

		1991
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,661,940
2.	Assam	327,598
3.	Bihar	942,245
4.	Gujarat	523,585
5.	Haryana	109,691
6.	Himachal Pradesh	56,438
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	**
8.	Karnataka	976,247
9.	Kerala	34,800
10.	Madhya Pradesh	1,352,563
11.	Maharashtra	1,068,418
12.	Manipur	16,493
13.	Meghalaya	34,633
14.	Nagaland	16,476
15.	Orissa	452,394
16.	Punjab	142,868
17.	Rajasthan	774,199
18.	Sikkim	5,598
19.	Tamil Nadu	578,889
20.	Tripura	16,478
21.	Uttar Pradesh	1,410,086
22.	West Bengal	711,691
23.	Andaman and Nicobar Island	1,265
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	12,395
25.	Chandigarh	1,870
26.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	4,416
27.	Delhi	27,351
28.	Daman and Diu	941
29.	Goa	4,656
30.	Lakshadweep	34
31.	Mizoram	16,411
32.	Pondicherry	2,680
	TOTAL	11,285,349

**Census could not be conducted.

NB: Figures for 1991 relates to workers of age group 5—14 years.